

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING NETWORKING
POTENTIAL USING A SECURED SYSTEM FOR AN ONLINE COMMUNITY

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- ☒ 34 pages of Specification/Claims 1-55/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 13 sheets) are attached.
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, --
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 542/MAS/2000 filed July 13, 2000 in India is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	55 - 20	= 35
INDEP CLAIMS	11 - 3	= 8
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SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE	
	\$ 355	OR		\$ 710	
x 9 =	\$ 315	OR	x 18	\$	
x 40 =	\$ 320	OR	x 80	\$	
+135 =	\$	OR	+270	\$	
TOTAL	\$ 990	OR	TOTAL	\$	

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$990.00 is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. However, this application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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